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Mr. Louis J. Halle, Jr.
Foreign Service Journal
c/o Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Halle:

Thank you for your kind invitation to prepare an article for the "Foreign Service Journal" on how our Foreign Service can better serve the national interest.

Inasmuch as my present position as Director of Central Intelligence demands that I be as anonymous as possible, it is necessary for me to decline such invitations, even though such an article would not reflect my views as Director of this Agency, but rather my past experiences. I know you will appreciate my position in this matter, in that an article of this nature would hardly contribute to the anonymity which is a requisite of this job.

The compliment implied by your invitation is deeply appreciated, and I am indeed sorry that circumstances compel me to decline.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith

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Director

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General Walter Bedell Smith,
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2430 E Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Smith:

Your experience in Moscow and in the discharge of your present responsibilities may have engendered some thoughts on how our Foreign Service can better serve the national interest. We should be glad to hear from you, and most appreciative, if you were interested in the possibility of writing an article for our pages in which you spoke directly along these lines to the officers of the Foreign Service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis J. Halle, Jr." The signature is somewhat stylized and cursive.

Louis J. Halle, Jr.

MEMORANDUM TO: GENERAL SHAW

Mr. Louis Halle has requested that you prepare an article for the Foreign Service Journal, in view of your experience in Moscow and in the discharge of your present duties, on how our Foreign Service can better serve the national interest.

Unless you particularly wish to submit such an article for publication, there is attached a proposed letter of regret.

DR

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